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18 November 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Proposed Utilization of the C Triple
Camera in the RF4C Aircraft

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REFERENCE:

1. On Tuesday, 5 November 1963 the following met in Col. D. Anderson's office, Pentagon for a discussion of Itek's proposed installation of a 24-inch panoramic camera in the RF4C McDonnell Aircraft:

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Itek: Mr. Walt Levison

USAF: Col. D. Anderson
Capt. A. DiPentima

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2. It was quickly revealed that the main purpose of the meeting was Itek's desire to acquire detailed information including current blueprints of the instrument bay for the reconnaissance version of the RF4C McDonnell Aircraft. This would permit them to design a 24-inch panoramic system in a package more readily adapted to this aircraft. Col. Anderson's reaction was favorable and he stated that assistance would be given in this regard. He also stated that Itek could come in with an unsolicited proposal which together with similar proposals from other contractors would be reviewed by the GAC of the Air Force at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. He also indicated that one requirement would be a system using 5-inch material. The C Triple is designed for 70 millimeter film, however, the Itek representative stated that a modification could be made. Actually the modifications required as well as the need to employ a different lens system results in a new camera/design using C Triple techniques and based on the competence obtained by the C Triple camera experience.

3. Therefore, the primary security problem with the proposal rests with restricting information concerning the how, where, and when Itek attained its competence in ultra sophisticated photo

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NRO review(s) completed.

reconnaissance systems. The actual camera would in its ultimate design not be similar to the present C Triple. Mr. Levison indicated, however, that C Triple talent would be utilized in the design and manufacture. It was suggested that Itak consider the probable need to disassociate the proposed effort from current CORONA activities. The conversation did not give any indication of strong Air Force interest at this time, and they were given little encouragement in the pursuit of this effort. Itak was hopeful of obtaining some business quickly to help in strengthening their situation recently weakened by the termination of the L Program and the anticipated cut-back in present C Triple orders. Mr. Levison was made aware that absolute discretion must be observed at all times in the solicitation of business based on a sensitive CORONA asset. In addition, he was invited to review any current or anticipated security problems with the Project Headquarters Security Staff.

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FROM: DIRECTOR

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ATTN:

1. THE JULY 1963 EDITION OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONTAINS AN ITEK ADVERTISEMENT WHICH DEFINES SEVERAL CORONA LENS SYSTEMS.

2. [] APPROVED THE USE OF UNCLEARED PEOPLE ON LENS WORK IN ORDER TO RESTRICT KNOWLEDGE OF CORONA BUT DID NOT AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING OF THE PROVEN CAPABILITIES OF THE OPTICAL SYSTEM. THIS APPEARS TO BE ANOTHER INSTANCE WHERE CORONA SECURITY WAS DISREGARDED APPARENTLY IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT DEVELOPED FOR A COVERT PROGRAM ON A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT. IT IS AT BEST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF LACK OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL ON THE PART OF ITEK MANAGEMENT. ARTICLE WAS NOT SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (AFSC/ASD) OR [] FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO RELEASE.

3. YOUR ATTENTION IS INVITED TO YOUR CORONA CONTRACT WITH [] IN WHICH YOU AGREED TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM. AN INATE REQUIREMENT OF ANY COVERT PROGRAM IS A PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCLOSURE OF PROGRAM INFORMATION

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TO UNCLEARED PEOPLE. ITEK'S RECENT HISTORY OF PROGRAM SECURITY INFRACTIONS APPROACHES BREACH OF CONTRACT. FURTHER VIOLATIONS CAN NOT BE TOLERATED.

4. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU REVIEW YOUR RELEASE OF INFORMATION PROCEDURES TO INSURE THAT ALL RELEASES CONCERNING RECONNAISSANCE EQUIPMENT OR CAPABILITY, INCLUDING THOSE EMANATING FROM ITEK-VIDYA, PALO ALTO, BE SUBMITTED TO ☐ SECURITY FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.

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END OF MESSAGE

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(s) Jack C. Ledford
EDWARD B. GILLER
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AND DECLASSIFICATION

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15 August 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Messrs Walter Levison and [redacted]
[redacted], Itek, Corp., Regarding Release of
CORONA Program Information by Itek

1. On 14 August 1963 Messrs. John Parangosky, [redacted]

[redacted] met with Messrs. Walter
Levison and [redacted] to discuss procedures and policy
controlling release of CORONA information at Itek.

2. Before discussing this matter, however, Itek was
advised that OSA had agreed to authorize Itek to release
the 24" F3.5 Petzval lens to General Electric for use in
the AF 437X program.

3. OSA also approved the declassification of the Itek
24" F3.5 Petzval lens provided Itek surface one at their
own expense and indicate it is a shelf model, that no indi-
cation be made of its flight proven reliability and that
there is no mention made that the lens has been produced
in quantity.

4. The Itek visitors were particularly interested in
obtaining guidance for ground rules they should follow in
releasing information regarding Itek's activities to the
press as news releases, advertisements or for personnel
recruiting purposes. Itek was advised that they could make
no mention of classified hardware or the company's present
capability in the satellite reconnaissance field. OSA
indicated that it was in sympathy with Itek's position that
seventy-five per cent of its business was producing hard-
ware for covert programs thus reducing their ability to
advertise or recruit, but reminded that Itek was responsible
for that dilemma as they were unsuccessful in developing a
booster and diversified base.

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5. Itek was instructed to present to Project Headquarters or its resident representative, for review all information releases pertaining to the manufacture of photographic or related equipment as well as any announcements concerning development of unusual techniques.

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August 16, 1963

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[Redacted]
Washington, D. C.

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Dear [Redacted]

The following memorandum prepared by [Redacted] constitutes our understanding of the agreements reached in your office on August 14, 1963:

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1. 24" f3.5 Petzval lens

When one of these has been put "on the shelf" at Itek expense it can be considered unclassified provided its existence is attributed to Itek's IR&D program and no reference is made to the number of lenses of their type that Itek has built. Bench performance characteristics, with or without film, may be mentioned but there must be no reference, even of the most casual sort, to its operational reliability.

2. Metal Telescopes

These may be considered unclassified provided, of course, that no reference is made to their use in classified programs.

3. DRT - Response to Representative Karth's letter

It is not possible to ignore this letter. We should reply, however, that a substantial percentage of DRT time is directed to government contracts of various kinds. The percentage figure quoted should not be so high as to rule out a NASA contract award in the future. Additional suggestions will be forthcoming from headquarters. In general, although the DRT is not in itself a classified item, the propriety of using information about it either in proposals or for other purposes will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

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4. Metal Mirrors

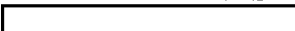
Where possible, work in this area should also be attributed either to Itek's IR&D program or preferably to non-sensitive contracts. In this context metal mirrors are not classified. In the event the actual configuration used on a sensitive program must be referred to, specific permission must be obtained.

5. Personnel Recruiting

Clearance was obtained for the text of a specific recruiting advertisement for an optical engineer. Future requirements will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

6. General

In general, our conduct in the security area should be guided by the rule of reason. Consideration should always be given to the question of whether or not the other side can profit from a piece of information despite the lack of technical classification.

All cases not covered by the specific decisions above will be referred to 

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We sincerely appreciate your decisions on this difficult subject and feel that we now have a solid basis for operation.

Very truly yours,



W. J. Levison
Vice President
Optical Systems Division

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